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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$200,000 FOR A FEASIBLITY STUDY TO MISSOURI INCUTECH FOUNDATION

Anita J. Dunning, the Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development, hosted a mock check presenta-tion on November 18, 2010, at the Missouri Enterprise office located in Rolla, Mo. Missouri Incutech Foundation requested \$200,000 to fund a project through the Rural Business Enterprise Grant program to complete a feasibility study for Show Me Energy Corporation which is located in Johnson County, Mo. to see if the construction of a gasification plant would be feasible. Show Me Energy is projecting to create 20 new jobs with the construction of the plant.

Dunning said "Funding feasibility studies for projects like this with the potential to create jobs and improve the economic opportunities mirrors President Obama's initiatives for rural America and Rural Develop-ment's commitment to the future of rural communities. Appreciation is also extended to our Federal elected officials for supporting USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians."



Included in the picture are-Missouri State Senator–Elect Dan Brown; Jack Kearbey, Rural Development Area Specialist; Bill Marshall, President of the Missouri Incutech Board of Directors; Janie Dunning, Rural Development Missouri State Director; Terry Luetkemeyer, Rural Development Area Director; representatives of Show Me Energy and Megan Hammer, representative of Senator McCaskill.

Dusty Cruse, President/CEO of Missouri Incutech Foundation said, "We are looking forward to working with Show Me Energy and our partners to conduct this study. Support from USDA is critical in projects like this and in our efforts to help Missouri Businesses succeed by transforming themselves and embracing innovation to realize profitable growth today and prepare for next generation success."

Anyone interested in obtaining information regarding assistance available through USDA Rural Development may visit the homepage at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/ or can contact Jack O. Kearbey, Area Specialist, at the Rolla Sub-Area Office of USDA Rural Development at 1050 Highway 72 East, Rolla, MO 65401 or by calling (573) 364-2088 Ext. 4.

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